

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's analysis and finding of allowable material. The Applicant suggests that the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

Amendments to Put Claims in Condition for Allowance

Claims 28-33 are already allowed.

Claims 21, 22, 25, 26 and 40 were objected to as being based on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claim 21 is rewritten to include the elements of base claim 20 and is now allowable.

Claim 22 is dependent on rewritten base claim 21 and is now allowable.

The elements of claim 25 are amended into base claim 24, thereby rendering amended claim 24 the equivalent of claim 25 rewritten to include the elements of its base claim. Thus, amended claim 24 is now allowable, and original claim 25 is canceled.

Claim 26 is rewritten to include the elements of original base claim 24 and is now allowable.

The elements of claim 40 are amended into base claim 39, thereby rendering amended claim 39 the equivalent of claim 40 rewritten to include the elements of its base claim. Thus, amended claim 39 is now allowable, and original claim 40 is canceled.

1 Claims 1-20, 23, 25, 27, 34-38, and 40 are canceled, thus leaving only
2 allowed or allowable claims pending.
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4 **Conclusion**

5 Applicant is grateful for the allowance of claims 28-33 and respectfully
6 submits that claims 21, 22, 24, 26, and 39 are now in condition for allowance.
7 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject
8 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the
9 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

10 Respectfully Submitted,

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